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TO : Chief, Industrial Division

DATE: 2 December 1957

FROM : Chief, Consumer Industries Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for November 1957

1. Accomplishmentsa. Projects Completed

- (1) The subsection on textiles, clothing, leather and footwear, paper, and consumer durables for Section 64, "Manufacturing and Construction," NIS 14, Poland (30.1518) was completed. 25X1A9a [redacted] wrote the introduction and the parts dealing with cotton textiles, knitwear, clothing, and consumer durables. 25X1A9a [redacted] wrote the parts on wool textiles and man-made fibers. 25X1A9a [redacted] wrote the part on leather and footwear. [redacted] wrote the part on the paper and pulp industry.
- (2) A supplement to the domestic trade subsection of Section 65, "Trade and Finance", NIS 20, Albania (40.1824) was written by 25X1A9a [redacted]. Effective 1 November 1957, the Albanian government abolished rationing and replaced the dual price system with a unified system of prices, which lay between the old guaranteed (rationed) and commercial (non-rationed) prices. Our calculation purported to show that the changes in prices, together with wage increases of one-third, would reduce the real income of the urban worker to one-half its former level.
- (3) I/CI's contribution to NIE 13-58, "Chinese Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1962" (10.1510), was completed by 25X1A9a [redacted].

b. Status of Other Projects

- 25X1A9a (1) [redacted] has completed the draft of I/CI's contribution to "Regional Civil Consumption of Petroleum in the USSR" (20.1768).
- 25X1A9a (2) [redacted] continued work on "Price Trends in Consumer Expenditure in the USSR" (30.1534).
- 25X1A9a (3) [redacted] continued work on "Expenditure on Consumer Services in the USSR" (30.1771).

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- 25X1A9a
- (4) [REDACTED] has completed the draft of "Synthetic Fibers and Fabrics in the USSR" (30.1911), and typing is nearly completed. x
- 25X1A9a
- (5) [REDACTED] has started work on "Stability of the European Satellite Structure" (10.1802). x
- 25X1A9a
- (6) [REDACTED] has completed the individual country sections of "The Housing Problem in the European Satellites" (38.1741). The summary and conclusions remain to be written. x
- 25X1A9a
- (7) [REDACTED] has completed a first draft of the light industry subsection for Section 64 of NIS 20 on Albania. x
- 25X1A9a (30.1823). [REDACTED] continued his work as division coordinator of the whole of Section 64.
- 25X1A9a
- (8) [REDACTED] has a week's work left on "Industrial Capital Investment in Communist China" (30.1535). x

2. Training

- 25X1A9a
- a. [REDACTED] continued to conduct the ORR course "Economic Statistics (Introduction)". *reported before* x
- 25X1A9a
- b. [REDACTED] continued the OTR course "Basic Country Survey: China No. 2". *reported before* x
- 25X1A9a
- c. [REDACTED] completed the ORR Report Writing Course. ✓
- 25X1A9a
- d. [REDACTED] completed the OTR 20-hour Basic Typing Course. ✓
She did not continue with the Advanced Typing Course because an electric typewriter was not available.

3. Trips and Speeches

- 25X1A9a
- a. [REDACTED] took part in an ORR panel discussion at the Strategic Intelligence School on 27 November. He spoke on "Current Problems in the Industrial Development of the USSR". ✓

4. Administration

- 25X1A9a
- a. [REDACTED], GS-9 analyst in the European Satellites section, left the branch permanently. She went on LWOP cob 1 November pending the resolution of a family emergency and her acceptance of another job either within or outside the Agency. ✓
- 25X1A9a
- b. [REDACTED], GS-5 analyst in the European Satellites section, received full security clearance and started work inside the barrier 5 November. ✓

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- c. Security: There has been an almost complete turnover in the personnel of the branch since combinations of our safes were last changed. When informed of this fact, [REDACTED] 25X1A9a Division Security Officer, stated that the changing of combinations throughout the whole division is now under consideration.
- d. Security: Every person in the branch was informed of the new safe-opening technique and the measures necessary to protect against it.
- e. The basic branch requirements which are disseminated by the Intelligence Information Staff for use by other parts of the Agency and other members of the intelligence community were completely revised. This particular set of requirements covers only that information of highest current interest which is not adequately covered in open sources.

5. Plans

Nothing new to report.

6. Problems

Nothing to report.

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